## FARMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICY AND PROCEDURE



**Policy Number:** Effective Date: 07/11/2016

**Subject:** Crime Analysis

Approved by:

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## **PURPOSE:**

To provide written guidelines for the crime analysis function.

## **POLICY:**

It is the policy of the Farmington Police Department to collect and analyze crime data for the purpose of identifying crime patterns and apprehending criminal offenders, and to implement measures that will reduce the opportunity and incidence of criminal activity.

## **PROCEDURE:**

The designated position within the Department is responsible for the crime analysis function and is hereafter referred to as the Crime Analyst. The following elements may be included to meet the objectives of this function:

- 1. Provide early identification of existing or evolving crime patterns;
- 2. Provide current crime pattern information to officers in order to increase awareness and the potential for an early arrest;
- 3. Provide investigative leads;
- 4. Develop the identity of suspects by modus operandi;
- 5. Provide a measure of the effectiveness of crime prevention and suppression programs;
- 6. Identify long range problem areas for development and implementation of programs to effectively reduce identified problems;
- 7. Analyze feedback and evaluate the effectiveness of the crime analysis function.

Crime analysis may include data collected from the following sources:

1. Offense reports; 2. Arrest reports; 3. Field Interrogation forms (F.I.'s); 4. Confidential informant and Crime Stoppers tips; 5. Information from other criminal justice agencies; Crime analysis should identify similarities and patterns in offenses, suspects, and locations. It may include the following factors: 1. Frequency by type of crime; 2. Geographic location of crimes; 3. Chronological facts of crimes committed; 4. Victim and target descriptions; 5. Suspect descriptions; 6. Suspect vehicle descriptions; 7. Modus operandi factors; 8. Physical evidence information; 9. Problem oriented or community policing strategies, upon request. The Crime Analyst briefs the chain of command as major information develops and keeps them informed of any current or future crime patterns or trends. A periodic report will be submitted to the chain of command. It will include overall crimes patterns as they develop. Additional information may also be included as it is requested by various entities within the Farmington Police Department.

A periodic report is submitted to detectives with data on property crimes which may include; the report case number and possible related case numbers, the location of the crime, the date and time of occurrence, the

method of entry and exit if applicable, and the type of property that was either taken or destroyed. A short narrative describing the facts of the crime and additional information may also be included.

The periodic report may also include pattern crimes against persons. The data in this report may include; the report case number and case numbers of related cases, the location of the crime, the date and time of the occurrence, indicate the type of injuries, if any, to the victim, the manner and weapon used to inflict injuries, and a motive for the crime. When applicable, the report may also indicate the race and age of the victim and suspect, or other similar indicators that may have made the victim a target of the crime.

Other reports or data may be requested by other entities within the Farmington Police Department on an as needed basis. Information, data, and reports may also be released to civic groups, citizens, or other organizations, in an effort to enhance crime prevention and community support.